WASHINGTON

STATE WETLANDS INTEGRATION STRATEGY

Date: 1993-94

Organizational Structure: Interagency Review Board; 6 work groups (regulatory reform,
                                economics, education, planning non-regulatory, technical); State
                                Agencies;
                                Association of Counties; Association of Cities; Conservation
                                Commission
                                Work Groups: 15-25 members-agencies, agriculture,
                                business/development, environmental groups, local government, tribal
                                interests on each work group. Total: 131

Consensus: Sought 100%. Achieved on most issues. Recognized that would not
                                reach consensus on all issues. Plan acknowledges areas in which
                                unanimous support not given.

Coordinated by: Hired additional agency staff.

Process: Monthly meetings
                                Work Group topics: regulatory reform, economics, planning and public
                                process, education, non-regulatory methods, technical aspects of
                                wetland protection.

Components: Executive Summary
                                Background
                                        Definition
                                        Functions
                                        Laws and Regulations
                                Recommendations
                                        State Wetland Policy
                                                Watershed Approach
                                                Standards-definition, delineation, functional
                                                assessment, cumulative impacts
                                                Data Management-information management,
                                                measuring gains and losses, successful
                                                mitigation.
                                        Wetlands Planning Process-State, federal,
                                        economics/valuation, guidance for local
                                        government

Wetlands Permitting-streamlining, property rights, water quality standards, reducing overlap, enforcement, mitigation banking.
Non-regulatory actions-agency assistance, recommendations for local communities, landowner stewardship.
Wetland Education-target audience, coordination, priority issues.

Additional issues-no consensus
Regulatory issues-lead agency, alternatives analysis, general permit, nationwide 26, letters of permission, special area management plans.
Enforcement

Implementation Chart-includes each recommendation for objectives, implementing agency, timeline, and designation as short- or long term.

Appendices
List of organizations and agencies
List of work group members and affiliation
Description of demonstration projects
Agency Letter of support
Comment letters from participants
Bibliography
Wetland education matrix-lists audience, lead educator, type of education, advisor, and technical support.